



PROPOSED STATUTE AMENDMENTS FOR APPROVAL AT AGM

Date: 23rd March 2025

Location: Vikings Sailing Club, Haywharf

1. Introduction

As part of our commitment to good governance, safety, and safeguarding, the Committee is proposing the following amendments to the Club's Statute under **Section 8 – Committee**. These amendments align with AIMS Malta and Sport Malta guidelines and regulations.

Approval of these amendments will enhance the Club's ability to protect members, ensure safety, and promote fair and inclusive participation in sailing activities.

2. Proposed Amendments to Section 8 – Committee

8.9. Safeguarding & Welfare Officer

8.9.1 Appointment & Role:

The Committee shall appoint a Safeguarding Officer to ensure that all members, particularly minors and vulnerable persons, participate in a safe and inclusive environment.

8.9.2 Responsibilities:

- Implement and enforce the Club's Safeguarding Policy in line with AIMS Malta guidelines.
 - Act as the point of contact for safeguarding concerns and investigate complaints related to misconduct or abuse.
 - Ensure that coaches, volunteers, and officials undergo background screening before engaging with minors.
 - Conduct awareness training for coaching staff and volunteers.
 - Liaise with SportMalta and AIMS Malta on safeguarding compliance.
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8.10. Safety Officer

8.10.1 Appointment & Role:

The Committee shall appoint a Safety Officer, who shall be responsible for ensuring that all Club activities comply with health and safety standards and maritime safety laws.

8.10.2 Responsibilities:

- Develop and enforce a Safety Policy for the club's sailing activities.
- Ensure that all boats, equipment, and facilities comply with safety regulations.
- Conduct safety audits for training, races, and events.
- Provide emergency response protocols for incidents at sea and coordinate with emergency services when required.
- Organize safety training and briefings for sailors, club volunteers, and club officials.
- Promote a culture of safety awareness within the Club.

3. Justification for These Amendments

Why These Roles Are Necessary

- Legal Compliance: Aligns the Club with AIMS Malta, Sport Malta, and national sports regulations.
- Member Protection: Ensures the safety and well-being of all members, particularly youth and vulnerable individuals.
- Risk Reduction: Establishes clear policies and procedures to prevent accidents and misconduct.
- Stronger Governance: Promotes transparency, accountability, and professional club management.



4. Motion for Approval

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Motion Statement:

This Annual General Meeting of Vikings Sailing Club hereby resolves to adopt the proposed amendments to Section 8 – Committee, introducing the roles of Safeguarding Officer and Safety Officer, ensuring that all members participate in a safe, inclusive, and well-regulated environment. The Committee will be responsible for appointing individuals to these roles and implementing the necessary training, policies, and reporting procedures to uphold safeguarding and safety standards.

Voting:

☒ Approve

☐ Reject

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Presented at: Vikings Sailing Club AGM 2025